Dear TBS Parents,

This is a brief email to wish all TBS families a Happy New Year and to update you on progress during the holidays as we prepare to welcome the children back to school on Monday.

The **progress of our retrofitting contractors** has been excellent over the holidays and they are ahead of schedule. They have finished the rear of the primary building and will now move to the front section which they aim to complete by mid-February. For the children, this means some of the primary classes will move rooms for the next 4 to 5 weeks (Foundation 2, 1E and 1J, 5S and 5C classes - separate letters are being sent today to parents of children in these classes) and teachers will be on hand on Monday morning to explain where your children will be working over the next few weeks. The retrofitting of the primary building is around 60-70% of the retrofitting required for the whole site and to have completed so much by this stage is excellent news!

The **safety of the children outside the school is also of paramount importance** and we have installed another speed bump on the entrance to the car park and opened another gate so that children can enter the school without having to walk on the road. Mirrors are also being installed so that traffic can be identified before walking out of the gate. All these measures should improve safety, but it is still essential that we all continue to be vigilant and monitor children closely, listen to the guards and relentlessly insist on good manners, common sense and patience from all drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

**TBS staff have been in school this week** for their usual preparation and training sessions and due to the building works many will be working over the weekend to reorganise teaching spaces. Their commitment, flexibility and willingness to work extra hours to ensure the children's learning experience remains of the highest quality has been outstanding this year. On behalf of all my colleagues, both non-teaching and teaching, I would like to express our gratitude for the continued support we have received from parents as we carry out these essential retrofitting works.

Lastly, I would like to repeat the invite from the December newsletters and **welcome all those parents who can make it to a meeting in the Hall on Tuesday 12th January at 8.15am**. The Governors and school leadership team can share some of the highlights of the coming term, update parents regarding progress on the points raised at the AGM and give parents an opportunity to ask further questions about the school and about the year ahead. It would be great to see you if you can make it.

I wish all TBS families a very happy 2016 and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes